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1. WITHIN THE LAST TWO WEEKS, THERE HAVE BEEN THREE
INCIDENTS AT THE IRAN AMERICA SOCIETY (IAS) IN SHIRAZ.
A DEMONSTRATINGCROWDBROKE IAS WINDOWS DURING THE LATE
EVENING HOURS OF JULY 27 AS REPORTED REFTEL. AT APPROXI-
MATELY 1600 HOURS ON AUGUST 6, A CROWD OF APPROX 200
INDIVIDUALS IN A MARCH OBSERVING THE START OF THE HOLY
MOSLEM MONTH OF RAMAZAN GATHERED IN THE STREETS IN THE
VICINITY OF THE IAS BUILDING. THEIR MAIN ATTENTION WAS
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INITIALLY DIRECTED AT A THEATER AND A NEWSPAPER OFFICE
ACROSS THE STREET WHERE THEY BROKE WINDOWS, ENTERED THE
THEATER, AND CAUSED A FAIR AMOUNT OF PROPERTY DAMAGE
UTILIZING STICKS, CLUBS AND STONES. THE CROWD THEN
ATTEMPTED TO ENTER THE IAS FACILITY BUT WERE THWARTED
BY A LOCKED PERIMETER GATE. IAS FACILITY WAS OCCUPIED
BY STUDENTS AT THE TIME. STONES WERE THROWN AT IAS

EMPLOYEES AND STUDENTS CAUSING NO INJURIES BUT KNOCKING OUT 8 WINDOWS WHICH HAD RECENTLY BEEN REPAIRED FROM THE 7/27 INCIDENT. SEVERAL STUDENTS ATTEMPTING TO LEAVE THE BUILDING WERE HARRASSED BY THE CROWD. POLICE WERE SUMMONED AND ARRIVED APPROX FIVE MINUTES AFTER THE CROWN FORMED IN FRONT OF IAS AND WERE SUCCESSFUL IN DISPERSING THE CROWN WHILE FIRING SEVERAL SHOTS INTO THE AIR FOR EFFECT. NO ARRESTS WERE MADE.

2. AT APPROX 1615 HOURS ON AUG 8, A CROWN OF 200 INDIVIDUALS MARCHED FROM A NEARBY MOSQUE TOWARD THE IAS FACILITY BUT WERE DISPERSED BY POLICE BEFORE THEY COULD ACTUALLY ENTER IAS GROUNDS OR CAUSE ANY DAMAGE. POLICE AGAIN FIRED SHOTS INTO THE AIR FOR EFFECT IN DISPERSING THE CROWD.

3. IN VIEW OF REPEATED ATTENTION GIVEN IAS FACILITY IN SHIRAZ BY DEMONSTRATING CROWDS, POLICE PROTECTION AT THAT FACILITY HAS BEEN BEEFED UP ALTHOUGH POLICE IN SHIRAZ, AS IN MANY OTHER MAJOR IRANIAN CITIES, ARE ALREADY STRETCHED THIN IN RESPONDING TO CIVIL DISORDERS.

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